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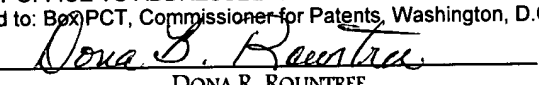
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Sir:

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The present application is a national stage filing as the United States was designated under PCT application number PCT/EP99/04317, filed June 22, 1999, and the PCT application is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), since copies of the references cited in the International Search Report have already been submitted to the United States Receiving Office, copies of the references (B1-B2, and C1-C6) listed are not enclosed.

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